



WILHELM AND KARL PLAN WAR'S BIGGEST BLOW

ASK SIX BILLIONS MORE FOR HEAVY GUNS FOR U. S. ARMY

British Envoy Puzzled By Report U. S. Army Will Be Held in Reserve

SAYS STATEMENT IS CONTRARY TO HIS DIRECTIONS

Lord Reading Doubts Report Was Issued With Sanction of the English War Cabinet.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 13.—The mystery created by the statement from Ottawa, attributed to the British war cabinet, that the American army will not be utilized by the allies until it becomes "a complete and powerful force," was heightened today when Lord Reading, British ambassador, declared the statement "diametrically opposed to all received by me." Confessing himself "quite in the dark as to the origin of the statement," the ambassador issued a formal statement as follows:

"The statement attributed to the British war cabinet to the effect that the allies are so confident, that having been given the choice of a small immediate army for defense or waiting until they are reinforced by a complete powerful self-supporting American army, they have chosen the latter is diametrically opposed to all information received by me from the British war cabinet, and to all the requests which I have been asked by them to make to the United States administration.

"I am quite in the dark as to the origin of the statement. At present all I can say is that I am convinced that the document has not been issued with the knowledge of the prime minister or the British war cabinet."

Previously white house officials let it be known that they did not understand the Ottawa statement and that efforts have been begun to learn just what was meant.

Up to the time Lord Reading spoke, military circles here accepted the Ottawa statement as correct and authorized by the British war cabinet, especially in view of the fact that for a week the allied lines in the west were holding and that the greatest force of the German drive had been met and overcome. With the Reading statement before them, however, officials were frankly puzzled but offered no comment.

ROCHESTER STREET CAR STRIKE ENDS MONDAY

International News Service: ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 13.—Rochester's street car strike ended this morning after a suspension of service lasting 48 hours. Following a meeting of motormen, conductors and shop men, at which an offer of the New York State railways grant a four cents hourly increase in wages was received and discussed, the men decided to return to work and the operation of cars was resumed at 5 o'clock on all lines including the Rochester and Kodak Bay, two interurban roads that were tied up by the strike.

WHOLE CLASS TO OFFER SERVICES TO COUNTRY

International News Service: CLEVELAND, O., May 13.—Thirty-six nurses who are just completing their course of study at City hospital here who will be graduated May 22, have all signified that on graduation day they will offer their services to Uncle Sam as a body. They will offer to do anything asked of them from Red Cross work at home to service behind the lines in France.

International News Service: NEWCASTLE, Ind., May 13.—W. V. Bolzer, 58 years old, well known railroad man and agent for the Pennsylvania lines at Millville, is dead at his home there following a stroke of apoplexy.

Will Command Fourth Officers' Training Camp at Louisville



LIEUT. COL. F. W. VAN DUXNE

News-Times Special Service: CAMP ZACHARY TAYLOR, LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 13.—Sergeant John Merlin Guthrie and Cpl. Frank E. Bartholomew of the 369th Trench Mortar battery, composed of South Bend men, passed all examinations and have been accepted for the fourth officers' training school, which opens here tomorrow.

CAMP ZACHARY TAYLOR, LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 13.—It has been announced at division headquarters that Lieut. Col. F. W. Van Duxne, division quartermaster, has been appointed to command the fourth officers' training camp, which opens May 13. Col. Van Duxne was graduated from West Point in 1899

and was first assigned to Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah. He was transferred shortly after to the Philippines, where he remained for five years. He was made a first lieutenant in 1901 and was promoted in 1906 to captain. In 1917 he was made a major and at the outbreak of the war promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a distinguished graduate of army schools at Fort Leavenworth, having completed successful courses in both the line and staff schools. He was stationed at Vera Cruz with the 1st infantry during the Mexican occupation. For two years he was depot quartermaster at Fort Sam Houston, from which post he came to this command.

The War Situation Today

International News Service: The Germans are making stronger artillery preparation for a renewal of their drive on the Picardy and Flanders battle fronts than they have in any of the preceding grand offensives on the various battle fronts.

This circumstance, coupled with the continued lull in the big scale infantry operations, shows that the Germans are coming to fear more and more the strength of Gen. Foch's allied armies and the strength of the positions that must be stormed before the Germans can advance their lines any farther toward Amiens and the channel coast.

It has been over two weeks since the Germans launched any great attack on the Flanders front, while nearly three weeks have elapsed since the last big German assault on the Picardy line.

The last grand assault on the Flanders front ended in an inconclusive defeat for the German armies that were trying to break through the hill positions held by the Anglo-French armies southeast of Arras. That was on April 29.

Recapture Village.

On the Picardy front the Germans made their last big effort on April 24, when they attacked on the front east of Amiens and took by storm the battle-wrecked village of Villers-Bretonneux. Their triumph was short-lived, for the British attacked on the following day and recaptured the village.

(Villers-Bretonneux, which is still held by the British, is about 20 miles east of Amiens, on the road that runs due eastward from the British base through Provost and Vermand in local operations in that zone, the British have advanced their lines a number of times since April 25.)

Since the breakdown of the German operations late in April, the big guns have been roaring along the two battle zones. There have been some small infantry operations, but all were local in character.

BILL PROVIDES DECORATIONS FOR U. S. MEN

Sec'y Baker Submits Measure Establishing Three Classes of Medals For Bravery.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 13.—Sec'y of War Baker this afternoon submitted to congress a comprehensive bill to be substituted for all pending legislation providing for the award of decorations to America's war heroes. The new measure would authorize the president to award "medals of honor," "distinguished service crosses" and "distinguished service medals."

Under the provisions of the bill, "medals of honor" will be presented by the president in the name of congress, only to officers and enlisted men who "in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty."

"Distinguished service crosses" would be awarded by the president, "but not in the name of congress," to any person, who while serving in any capacity in the army since the United States entered the war, "has distinguished, or who shall hereafter distinguish himself, or herself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy."

TEUTON ARTILLERY ON MACEDONIAN FRONT IS SHELLING THE ITALIANS

International News Service: PARIS, May 13.—The artillery of the Teutonic allies on the Macedonian front has been violently shelling the positions of the Italian troops at Hill No. 1050 (in the Monastir section) the French war office reported in a communique dealing with Balkan operations.

The Bulgarian-German forces attempted a surprise attack near Vetrovnik but were repulsed.

Serbian and British airmen have bombed cantonments at Sere and the Angiste station.

There have been artillery duels on the Struma river, west of the Vardar, at the bend of the Tchernia river and near Monastir.

PRESIDENT NOMINATES MEN FOR COMMISSIONS

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 13.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate today:

To be brigadier general medical corps, national army, Col. Robert E. Noble, medical corps, national army.

To be first lieutenant, dental corps, U. S. A., John Rudolph Wilken of South Dakota.

Richard Carlton Hoblitzel of West Virginia; Earl Eaton Safford of Massachusetts.

To be first lieutenant of infantry, Second Lieut. William F. Stromeyer.

The Richard Carlton Hoblitzel named in the list of today's nominations for army commissions, is "Dick" Hoblitzel, first baseman of the Boston Red Sox. Hoblitzel is a native of Parkersburg, W. Va., and previous to his enlistment this spring he played 11 years with the Cincinnati and Boston clubs in the major leagues.

STEADY RAINS INJURE LOW-LYING FARM LANDS

International News Service: INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 13.—According to reports received today from the southern part of the state the steady rains of the past three days have caused considerable damage to low-lying farm lands. Lawrence, Scott, Washington and Jackson counties suffered particularly. Further rainfall will damage thousands of acres of wheat. It is feared minor washouts are causing railways considerable trouble.

Starving Russia Beginning to Turn Against Soviets

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—"Counter revolution is beginning to raise its head in Russia, turning discontented and starving masses against the soviets," said a New Agency dispatch from Moscow today, quoting Nicholas Lenin, the bolshevik premier. Lenin's statement was contained in a telegram sent broadcast and appealing for relief for famine-stricken Petrograd.

Four Moscow papers have been suspended for antagonistic statements against soviet rule and 11 newspapers being prosecuted, it was added, including an organ of the workmen.

HAVE GERMANS INTEREST IN MUNITIONS PLANT?

International News Service: AMSTERDAM, May 13.—The German socialist deputy, Sudekem has put a question to the reichstag asking whether German munitions manufacturers are interested in a certain large munitions works in Philadelphia and if so what action the chancellor proposes to take, said a dispatch from Berlin today.

FRENCHMAN WHO BAGGED SIX PLANES DECORATED

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—Lieut. Rene Fonck, the French aviator who brought down six German machines last Thursday, has been decorated with the insignia of the Legion of Honor.

Lieut. Fonck fired only 52 rounds of ammunition from his machine gun in winning his victories.

BELGIAN TROOPS RAID GERMANS NEAR DIXMUDE

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—Belgian troops raided a German position north of Dixmude (Flanders front.) said an official statement issued by the Belgian war office at Havre on Sunday night. There is artillery activity of varying intensity along the Belgian front.

INSANITY DEFENSE OF GRACE LUSK

Psychology Teacher Faces Asylum if Found "Not Guilty" of Murder.

International News Service: WAUKESHA, Wis., May 13.—In the court house here today lawyers and jurymen prepared to dissect in the cold light of jurisprudence the emotions that led Miss Grace Lusk, psychology teacher, to slay Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, wife of Dr. David Roberts, and the woman who stood between Miss Lusk and the man she loved—Dr. Roberts. Miss Lusk goes on trial for murder after weeks of weary waiting while she was recovering from two bullet wounds, self-inflicted, shortly after she shot Mrs. Roberts.

Just as soon as the jury is selected there will begin a new revelation of the spectacular story.

Counsel for the defense will make their fight on the grounds of "insanity." It is reported that their chief worry is the attitude of the client toward the laws made by man. They will send her to the stand without any attempt at coaching. It is understood they will make no effort to govern her behavior as a witness. Grace Lusk will go on the stand and attempt to defend her own strange code of morals against the unwinding code of the law. Her lawyers wish it made clear that the insanity defense has no association with the adjectives "temporary" or "emotional."

They will contend that Miss Lusk was insane on the day of the shooting and is insane now.

Under the Wisconsin laws, which have no provision for capital punishment, a verdict of "not guilty" on the grounds asked by the defense automatically would sentence Miss Lusk to the state asylum for the insane.

WOULD BRING TOTAL FUND UP TO 21 BILLIONS

Brig. Gen. Barrette Submits Estimates of Needs For Big Guns During the Coming Year.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 13.—An estimate of six billion dollars to be expended during the next 12 months for heavy ordnance was submitted to the house appropriations committee this afternoon by Brig. Gen. J. D. Barrette, acting chief of coast artillery.

The appropriation asked is in addition to the \$15,000,000,000 estimate submitted to the military affairs committee by Sec'y of War Baker. The money will be spent for heavy guns for use on the western front and for coast fortifications. The major part will be expended for great guns with which American soldiers abroad. These will not be available until one year after the contracts are let, Gen. Barrette told the committee.

AIRMEN BOMB DREDGE TRYING TO CLEAR THE HARBOR AT OSTEND

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—The bottling up of the German submarine base at Zebrugges has been made complete by effective work by British airmen on Sunday. Bombs were dropped at the entrance to the harbor directly hitting and sinking a German dredge boat between two obsolete cruisers that had formerly been sunk in the fairway.

Photographs taken by British airmen show that the basins of the Bruges canal are crowded with German craft of all descriptions. They have been prevented from continuing their voyages because of the blocking of the entrances of the Ostend and Zebrugges harbors.

The dredge was attempting to dig a hole beneath the basins of the Bruges canal and the two who were on board were killed.

ITALIAN ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY IN MURDER

International News Service: SANDUSKY, O., May 13.—Patsy Brando, an Italian said to be wanted in connection with murder cases at Akron last January, was arrested in a rooming house here this morning by a New York detective. The man making the arrest was the detective who recently arrested one suspect in New York and another in Toledo in connection with the same crimes. The capture with his prisoner started at once for Akron, where he will be held pending complete investigation of his record.

SAY COMPANIES BRIBED EMPLOYEES OF CUSTOMERS

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 13.—Complaint was made today by the federal trade commission against the Pennsylvania Specialty Co. of Philadelphia, and the Advance Paint Co. of Indianapolis. They are charged with giving gratuities to employees of customers as an inducement to them to influence their employers to deal with the respondent companies.

ITALIANS BEAT OFF HEAVY ENEMY ATTACKS

ROME, May 13.—"After an intense bombardment the enemy attacked our new positions in the sector of 'Colli Dell' Orso' but was obliged to retire with heavy losses," the Italian war office announced today. "Elsewhere there was the usual artillery activity."

Kaiser Karl Very Anxious to Expiate His Peace Letter

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—While it is announced that the conference of the Austrian and German emperors at German headquarters is to discuss Poland, the real purpose is to consider the opening of an Austro-Hungarian offensive in Italy simultaneously with the resumption of the German drive in France, said a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam today. Hitherto, the dispatch added, Austria has been reluctant, but Charles is now reported anxious to expiate his "peace letter" by complying with Ludendorff's plans.

TWO KILLED IN GUN BATTLE IN CLEVELAND, MOTIVE IS MYSTERY

International News Service: CLEVELAND, O., May 13.—Police today are still without a clue to the motive for a gun battle on E. 31st st. here last night, in which two men were killed. Michael d'Agruma and Thomaso Jordano were killed, while four other men who engaged in the fight made their escape, three of them flourishing revolvers and the fourth throwing his weapon away as he ran through an alley.

DOUBT REPORT RUSS SEND ARMS TO GERMANY

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 13.—Officials today expressed doubt of reports brought to a Pacific port by returning travelers from Russia that munitions shipped from the United States via Vladivostok, were being sold by Russian officials at Moscow to Germany. It was stated that the latest official reports showed that the enormous supplies of munitions which had been landed at Vladivostok were still there. State department officials have reported that the bolshevik authorities had directed that these supplies be sent westward but that the orders have not been carried out.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR AT KAISER'S HEADQUARTERS

International News Service: PARIS, May 13.—Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, has joined Count von Hertling, the German chancellor, and Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister at German headquarters, according to information received here today. It is understood that a discussion of the proposed offensive on the Italian front will follow.

AMERICAN TRIO BEATS 13 BOCHES

Small Patrol Kills German Officer and Seizes Valuable Papers.

International News Service: PARIS, May 13.—The artillery on both sides was active at several points north and south of the Aisne river (Picardy battle front.) the French war office announced today. "We penetrated the German lines north of Nomeny, capturing 20 prisoners."

"The enemy attempted a raid in the region of St. Eire but it broke down under our fire. "Elsewhere the night was calm."

TO PREVENT "HOARDING"

International News Service: PARIS, May 13.—In order to prevent the buying of quantities of meat in advance of meatless days, a new decree has just been issued prohibiting the purchase of more than 200 grammes of meat on Tuesdays.

DOUBLE DRIVE IN FRANCE AND ITALY COMING

Meeting of Kaisers at German Headquarters Held to Prepare Greatest Offensive Yet Delivered.

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—"All the news from the western front indicates we are on the eve of great events," said the Evening News today. "Our scouts know that the enemy concentrations are nearing their completion."

For upwards of two weeks allied airmen and other observers have reported much activity behind the German lines while the German artillery has continued to bombard with great fury scattered sectors along the Picardy and Flanders battle fronts.

International News Service: LONDON, May 13.—The predicted double drive in western and Italian battle fronts, which may result from the conference of the kaiser and Emperor Karl, of Austria, at German great headquarters, probably will be the greatest blow of the war, according to advices from Amsterdam today.

The supreme Austro-German effort is to be concentrated on those fronts, it was stated. The Fremdenblatt, of Berlin, interprets the meeting as meaning that Austria and Germany are resolved to stick together to the end.

On the other hand, a dispatch from Vienna, by way of Zurich, quoted the German newspaper Frankfurter Zeitung as making the following comment upon the trip of Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, to German headquarters:

"The negotiations will decide the future relations between Austria and Germany. It is understood there will be negotiations for a new alliance, together with military and customs unions, requiring a two-thirds majority in the reichsrath. It is doubtful, however, if it could be attained. The great Austrian question now is whether continued existence of a separate Austrian state is possible. The southern Slav German provinces deny such a possibility. One party desires to see the state consist of small sovereign provinces, each having a foreign policy of its own; the other demands a return to the German federation. The outcome is uncertain."

Artillery Continues Active.

German artillery continues to bombard the British positions with great violence in various sectors, but so far there have been no further infantry assaults against them.

"Hostile artillery was active during the night in the Somme valley and in the Albert sector, as well as in the area between Locon and Nieppe forest," the war office announced today.

(The Somme and Albert sectors are on the Picardy front, opposite Amiens, while the district between Locon and Nieppe forest is about midway on the Flanders front.)

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